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ADOT seeks public input at Community Workshops across northern Arizona

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The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and local/regional partners are hosting a series of community workshops in late March and early April across the state to solicit public input on a long-range vision for the future of transportation in Arizona. This statewide transportation planning process looks ahead to the year 2050 and is also known as "Building a Quality Arizona."

For purposes of study, the state has been divided into four regions. Regional Framework Studies kicked off earlier this year for Northern, Western, Central and Eastern Arizona. The first phase of the year-long Framework Planning Process will focus on "Existing Conditions and Issues Identification."

The community will be asked: "What is your vision of the future of Arizona and your region?" and "Based on what you think the future holds, what are the transportation needs for your region?"

The workshops are designed to encourage local communities to hear information about the process, review the work to date, and provide input, according to ADOT officials. All workshops are open to the public.

ADOT will partner with local and regional planning organizations across the state such as local councils of government and metropolitan planning organizations, as well as tribal communities, the business/development community, and the environmental/conservation community to ensure the true statewide collaboration that is necessary to make this effort a success.

The Regional Framework Studies will be compiled in early 2009 into a Statewide Planning Framework that truly reflects the desires and growth trends at the local level.

The Northern Arizona community workshops are scheduled as follows:

Prescott
Thursday, March 27
Yavapai Community College, Multi-Purpose Room
1100 East Sheldon St.
6 to 8 p.m.

Flagstaff
Wednesday, March 26
Little America Hotel
2515 E. Butler Ave.
6 to 8 p.m.

Window Rock
Thursday, April 3, 2008
Navajo Nation Library

6 to 8 p.m.

Additional workshops will be held in Kingman, Quartzsite, Yuma, Florence, Globe, Show Low, Sierra Vista, Safford and Nogales. For more information, visit www.bqaz.gov.

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